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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH KIRCA, PLAN NOW IS TO HOLD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF SUBCOMMISSION ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN ME DURING CND SESSION IN FEB 1974 AND TO UNDERTAKE ONE- MONTH STUDY TOUR IN TERRITORIES OF REGIONAL MEMBERS NEXT SPRING. ACCORDINGLY, SECRETARIAT HAS SENT CABLE TO MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMISSION APPRISING THEM THESE DEVELOPMENTS ANDNOTING THAT NOMINATIONS OF BOVT REPS NEED NOT BE MADE BY EARLY JULY AS SECRETARIAT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. KIRCA HAS SUGGESTED THAT TURKISH AND US GOVERNMENTS CONCERT ON ACTION TO CHANGE ECOSOC RES ON SUBCOMMISSION TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

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2. DND OFFICIALS (MARTENS/ KANDEMIR) HAVE CONSULTED WITH KIRCA IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF OLD AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN ME RE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND TIMETABLE FOR NEW CND ME SUBCOMMISSION. SECRETARIAT AND KIRCA HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS INFORMALLY WITH MISOFF.

3. CURRENT SITUATION IS THIS. KIRCA HAS ABANDONED HIS EARLIER POSITION THAT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF SUB- COMMISSION SHOULD BE HELD GENEVA NEXT AUG AND STUDY TOUR UNDERTAKEN THIS FALL. ON PROPOSAL SECRETARIAT, HE NOW FAVORS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BEING DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT FEB AND HELD IN CONJUNCTION CND SESSION, WIHT FOUR- WEEK STUDY TOUR TO BE UNDERTAKEN NEXT SPRING.

4. AMONG CONSIDERATIONS LEADING KIRCA TAKE THIS POSITION ARE:

A. PROPOSED REVISED SCHEDULE WILL PROVIDE MORE TIME TO PRESUADE ALL GOVTS CONCERNED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBCOMMISSION. INDICATED HE IS THINKING PARTICULARLY OF AFGHANISTAN WHOSE REFUSAL JOIN WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR OTHER REGIONAL MEMBERS DO SO AND BELIEVES THAT RGA MIGHT BE MORE DISPOSED PARTICIPATE ONCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

DRUG CONTROL UNDER UN UMBRELLA GETS UNDERWAY. NOTED THIS CONNECTION

THAT HE RECOMMENDED THAT TURKEY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN AFGHAN PROGRAM, E. G. BY FURNISHING ENFORCEMENT EXPERTS. SAID HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT RGA MUST BE PERSUADED THAT NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS ALONE ARE NOT ADEQUATE, THAT THERE MUST BE REGIONAL COORDINATION OF THESE PROGRAMS IF ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IS TO BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. STRESSED IT IS HIS VIEW THAT RGA PARTICIPATION IN SUBCOMMISSION SHOULD BE PRE- CONDITION OF ASSISTANCE.

B. STUDY TOUR IN REGION THIS YEAR WOULD IN ANY CASE BE INOPPORTUNE BECAUSE ELECTIONS TAKING PLACE IN AFGHANISTAN AND TURKEY.

C. THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES WITH UN ABOUT FUNDS BEING FURNISHED FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN GENEVA THIS SUMMER AND IN ANY EVENT THERE IS NOT TIME TO OBTAIN GOVTS' AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDY TOUR THIS FALL.

D. SHORT STUDY TOUR WOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE SUBCOMMISSION' S

GOALS. WHAT IS NEEDED IS MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK IN TERRITORY OF EACH REGIONAL MEMBER WHICH WILL PERMIT THOROUGH STUDY OF SITUATION AND VISITS TO BORDER AREAS.

5. ON QUESTION RAISED BY RGA RE ECOSOC' S DECISION (FOR FINANCIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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REASONS) TO REQUIRE THAT REPRESENTATIVES TO SUBCOMMISSION BE NOMINATED BY GOVTS IN CONSULTATION SYG AND CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL, KIRCA NOTED THAT AS MISOFF AWARE THIS ALSO GIVES HIM DIFFICULTIES. SAID THAT BOTH CND AND ITS SUBCOMMISSION ARE POLITICAL BODIES AND

IT WOULD BE FAR PREFERABLE FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATTER TO BE PARALLEL TO THOSE OF CND ITSELF, NAMELY TO SPECIFY THAT SUBCOMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF GOVT REPS. KIRCA NOTED HE RECOGNIZES THAT TO AMEND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY ECOSOC LAST SPRING TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT GOVT REPRESENTATION WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ACTION UNDER WHICH ECOSOC WOULD RECOMMEND AND UNGA DECIDE THAT TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR SUBCOMMISSION REPS BE PAID BY UN.

6. KIRCA SIAD HE CONCLUDES THAT BEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR TURKISH AND US GOVTS TO COORDINATE ON PROMOTING ACTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION. ADDED HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR ECOSOC ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT RESUMED SESSION NEXT FALL RATHER THAN UPCOMING JULY/ AUGUST SESSION. (KIRCA WILL NOT BE IN GENEVA DURING JULY AND FIRST HELF OF AUGUST.)

7. MISOFF SAID SHE PERSONALLY CONSIDERED THAT TIMING AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED BY KIRCA FOR SUBCOMMISSION CONSTITUTE MOST PRACTICABLE COURSE AT PRESENT TIME, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW CURRENT RGA ATTITUDE. SHE AGREED RECOMMEND TO WASH THAT US COORDINATE WITH GOT WITH VIEW CHANGING ECOSOC DECISION ON SUBCOMMISSION' S COMPOSITION AND ARRANGING FOR ECOSOC/ GA ACTION ON FINANCING AS OUTLINED PARA 5 ABOVE.

8. COMMENT: MISOFF WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP WASH' S REACTIONS FOREGOING AND ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER ECOSOC ACTION TO AMEND RES AND RECOMMEND PAYMENTS CAN BE DEFERRED TO RESUMED SESSION OR MUST BE TAKEN THIS SUMMER.

9. KANDEMIR ADVISES THAT DND SENT TWO CABLES JUNE 28. ONE IS ADDRESSED TO GOVTS MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMISSION WITH COPIES TO THEIR GENEVA MISSIONS, WHICH REFERS TO EARLIER CABLE (REF C) AND READS AS FOLLOWS: " ONE MEMBER GOVT SUGGESTS HAVING STUDY TOUR IN 1974 DURATION ONE MONTH. IF YOU AGREE, PREPARATORY MEETING MAY TAKE PLACE DURING THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF CND GENEVA FEB 1974. THUS, NOMINATIONS GOVT REPS CAN BE MADE AT LATER DATE." SECOND CABLE IS ADDRESSED TO MESSING UNNY AND READS CONFIDENTIAL

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AS FOLLOWS: " INVITATIONS TO GOVTS TO NOMINATE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO SUBCOMMISSION NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST SENT ON 28 JUNE. IN LIGHT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS GOING ON IN GENEVA AND DIFFICULTY RECEIVING ANSWERS FROM GOVTS IN TIME, PLEASE INFORM ECOSOC SECRETARIAT NOT TO TAKE ANY IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR INCLUSION OF CONFIRMATION OF REPS ON ECOSOC AGENDA FOR JULY/ AUGUST. FURTHER INFO WILL BE GIVEN WHEN AVAILABLE." BASSIN

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